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NEGOTIATIONS ON TO SETTLE STRIKE

CONFERENCES IN MORNING HELD TO REACH AGREEMENT

Reports by Committees This afternoon May Mean Resumption Soon of Inter-Island Steamship Service—Arbitration Is First Turned Down

At 2 o'clock this afternoon developments in the inter-island strike pointed to a solution of the controversy, and one on which both sides could unite.

A meeting of inter-island officials was called at the offices of the inter-island company to hear a report from a subcommittee which has been in communication with a committee of the striking captains and mates for a large part of the morning.

It is intimated on both sides that a basis is in sight for a solution, but just what basis this is will not be known until after the reports of the conferring committees have been made.

Vice President J. L. McLean and Albert Wilcox, composed the inter-island "conference committee," while the cause of the captains was looked after in this morning's negotiations by Captains Tulett, Fritz, Gregory and Neopala.

A telegram has been received from President and General Manager J. A. Kennedy by the inter-island company, but it is said merely to convey information as to where he can be reached at any time by cable.

The developments of the past twenty-four hours have been thick and fast. As told in the Star-Bulletin yesterday afternoon, moves were being made that looked as if both sides might agree on a plan to arbitrate the differences. The inter-island company favored arbitration openly, and in a letter last night to the captains and mates offered to submit the dispute to such a judgment.

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HUMPHREYS' STATEMENT

"Figuratively speaking, in such a fight one should use hatchets, razors and broken bottles, swatting the giant between the eyes, lifting its nose and kicking it in the groin."—A. S. HUMPHREYS, counsel for masters and mates.

"I replied to the letter of the inter-island company proposing to submit the differences between itself and the masters and mates to arbitration," said Judge A. S. Humphreys this morning, "without having submitted my reply to my clients."

"I acted under the plenary authority given me by the masters and mates, and am glad to say that the position taken by me, as expressed in my letter to the company, has been today specifically ratified by my clients."

"In my interview reported in this morning's Advertiser there is not even inferentially a charge made by me as the Advertiser would have it appear—that the company has ever engaged in any illegal practice. The reference which I made to its balance sheet was for the purpose of showing the company's ability to pay higher wages."

"The profits returned to capital in any enterprise are a proper subject for inquiry in any dispute which it may have with its servants concerned."

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LACK OF SYSTEM IN ARMY FORCES OFFICERS TO DISOBEY

Distance of Oahu from Division Headquarters the Cause of Mix-Up

That the Department of Hawaii should be raised to division rank is the firm belief of army men who have to keep the official wheels turning, and who are continually faced with obstacles and difficulties due to the remoteness of Oahu from division headquarters in San Francisco.

Every so often some instance of conflicting or useless orders, that would never be issued from here, come from the division to point the moral. The latest is an order convening a new court-martial at Fort Shafter for August 14. There are three coast artillery officers on this court, one of them being its president, and as this happens to be the date of target practice for the Ruger mortars, also fixed by the division, the impossibility of convening the court at Fort Shafter on that date is manifest.

The court will not meet until later, and as one officer expressed it, instances of this kind get officers into the habit of having to disobey orders, for no reason other than the lack of system in issuing them.

Following is the detail of the court: Captain J. S. Johnson, C. A. C.; Captain G. D. Freeman, Second Infantry; Captain Fred V. S. Chamberlain, Second Infantry; Lieutenants Williams, Nichols and Humbert, C. A. C.; Lieutenants Hawley and Fredendall, Second Infantry; First Lieutenant Philip J. Lauber, Second Infantry, is judge advocate.

Private Frank E. Miller, G troop, 5th Cavalry, has secured his discharge by purchase, to take effect at once.

The charge of desertion from Vancouver Barracks, Washington, on or about May 6, 1912, entered against Private Pascal L. Scudder, company L, First Infantry, having been erroneously made, has been set aside on the recommendation of the company and regimental commanders. He is to be tried by inferior court martial for absence without leave.

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WITH BULLET IN HEAD, RICH MAN IS FOUND DEAD

Mystery Surrounds Supposed Suicide of James Howell

WAS TO HAVE LEFT FOR COAST ON MANCHURIA

Body Dressed for Journey Discovered by Friend to Whom He Had Sold House

Mystery surrounds the supposed suicide of James Howell who was found lying across his bed with his brains blown out at ten o'clock this morning, at a time when he was supposed to be on the steamship Manchuria bound for San Francisco.

Howell, who was seventy years old and reputed to be wealthy, was found by J. J. Fritschl to whom he had sold his house in Kapiolani Park prior to leaving for the mainland. According to Clem Quinn, Howell's attorney, the old man held his property on a lease from the Kapiolani Park Association, Ltd., but a few days ago closed a deal with Fritschl whereby Fritschl was to take over the lease and give Howell board and lodging.

Howell then announced that he was going to make a trip to the mainland in order to recuperate his health, took passage on the Manchuria and was to have sailed at ten o'clock this morning.

Fritschl was to take possession of the premises today and Howell on his return after four months, was to make his home with Fritschl and his family. It was when Fritschl arrived to take possession that the body was discovered.

Fritschl tells the story. He unlocked the door and immediately discerned the smell of gun-powder smoke in the air. Having a faint intuition of what had happened, he rushed into Howell's bedroom where he says he saw Howell, fully dressed and evidently all ready to leave for the steamship dock, stretched across the bed, and the mattresses covered with blood. In his right hand, Howell clutched a revolver.

Fritschl locked up the house and notified Attorney Quinn who made a report to the police. The inquest will be held this evening.

Howell, who was a bachelor, had lived here many years and though, he practiced the carpenter's trade until the day his death, is said by Attorney Quinn to be very wealthy. Quinn declares that Howell was of robust health and he is unable to account for the reason for his act of self-destruction. He was an intimate friend of Robert Catton of the Catton, Neil Company.

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DETECTIVE TAKES ALLEN TO COAST TO FACE CHARGES

Assured by a cable from Attorney General Wickersham that the expense may be incurred, U. S. Marshal Hendry today turned over Claude W. Allen to the custody of Detective John Kellett and a guard, and the prisoner left this afternoon on the Sonoma for San Francisco.

Allen declines to discuss the charge on which he is being returned to Los Angeles, further than to admit that he has been in the employ of a grocery firm in that city for several months. In proof of his innocence, however, he pleads the fact that he came to Honolulu instead of jumping out of the country to some land with which the government has no extradition treaty, as he says he could easily have done. He says he had engaged a berth on the Sonoma a week ago, and had intended returning to the Coast this trip.

Allen is a former newspaper man, and says the principal reason for his present trip to the Territory was to gather "local color" for a novel he is engaged in writing. He says he has not been engaged in active newspaper work for two years, since he left the Kansas City Star, but has written some fiction at various times when not engaged at his business in the grocery store. In proof of his assertion this morning he produced some stray leaves from a magazine, published at Los Angeles, on which is printed a woodland story entitled "The Passing of the King," with the name "Claude W. Allen" printed thereon as the author.

CAN'T AGREE ON SUGAR BILL

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—The Senate and House leaders today declare that sugar legislation by Congress now is impossible as a result of the wide split between the two houses over the two bills passed. The House refuses to accept the Republican measure, the Lodge-Bristow bill, and the Senate declines to favor any lower reduction of the tariff than provided for in this bill.

A compromise is unlikely, according to open statements by leaders of both sides.

C. S. ALBERT.

STANFORD SEES DRYDOCK AND SAILS FOR COAST

After making an exhaustive investigation of conditions on the naval work at Pearl Harbor, and especially of the constructive difficulties of the big drydock, Rear Admiral Homer Stanford, chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, will sail for the Coast on the steamer Sonoma this afternoon.

"My trip to Honolulu has told me more about the work here than any amount of statistical and descriptive reports and maps studied away from here, could have done," said Admiral Stanford. "I am well satisfied with conditions, and believe that from now on things will progress smoothly with the drydock. We are satisfied that the correct concrete mixture has at last been found, and the contractors have instructions to go right along with the work."

"I am sorry that definite word as to the naval appropriation bill, and the item for extending the dock to 1000 feet, didn't reach here before I left, as I would like to know definitely the extension is to be made. If so Pearl Harbor will be the largest drydock of the navy, and I think, one of the best."

PAYLESS ARMY OF OAHU SOON TO HAVE HORSELESS CAVALRY

Troopers Now Have Half a Horse Apiece and No More Available for Year

Cavalrymen on Oahu will have to buy bicycle or roller skates for themselves if they wish to hold to the distinction of being "mounted" troops. For at present in the Fifth Cavalry there is about one-half a horse per man, with small prospect of this ridiculous situation bettering in the immediate future.

Plenty of recruits but no remounts is responsible for present conditions, until now each troop of seventy odd men averages about thirty-five horses. This means that half the men drill while the other half sit on the fence and cheer them on, figuratively speaking. If the men do their full share of drill, it stands to reason that the remounts will have to do double duty, and this is out of the question, as every horse is now being cared for like a Derby winner for fear that something will happen to it. Altogether the horseless cavalry attached to the payless army is in a bad fix.

This morning a letter from the quartermaster general of the army was received at department headquarters. The missive fairly exuded gloom, the sum substance of its news being that there were no horses in the remount depots, no money to buy more, no time to train more if they could be bought, and that "only horses that are absolutely unserviceable for any purpose be condemned during the fiscal year 1913."

This opens up a vista of possible complications. Apparently unless a horse rolls over and dies he is to be retained on duty, and it may become necessary for the trooper to get down and politely assist the fractional horse allotted to him over rough spots. If the proportion is further reduced to, say four men to a mount, the horses will probably not be ridden at all, but will be kept as barracks pets. One can picture the last surviving horse of the gallant Fifth, decked out with leis and made the official mascot of the regiment, to be saluted with as much respect as the colors.

Army officers here say that the present situation points strongly to the necessity of having a remount depot here, and purchasing Island horses for the army, as recommended by the department commander after the conditions had been carefully gone into by the depot quartermaster. This

SLEUTH HERE TO UNEARTH CUSTOM FRAUD

Peyton Gordon Arrives from Washington on Important Mission

HERE A WEEK, THEN GOES TO GET JAPAN END

Weaving the Net of Evidence Around Alleged Undervaluation of Goods

Peyton Gordon, the special agent sent to the Territory by Attorney General Wickersham to conduct an investigation, arrived on the Shinyo Maru this morning with his wife and daughter. He is on his way to Japan, and stated this morning that his present visit to Honolulu probably will not be of more than a week's duration.

Whether his investigation will be along lines other than that indicated in the cables dispatched recently from Washington is not known at present. Ostensibly he is here to make an examination into the charge that quantities of merchandise have been imported here from the Orient and declared in at prices considerably under their real values.

He and his family are stopping at the Moana Hotel.

GORDON TO HUNT DOWN GUILTY PERSONS HERE

(By C. S. ALBERT.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1.—Peyton Gordon, special attorney in the Department of Justice, has gone on a mission of investigation into alleged undervaluation of imports from Japan. It is his purpose to make the most drastic inquiry and secure evidence on which will be based the prosecution of all those who have profited from the lower customs payments.

Despite the utmost exertions of Attorney General Wickersham to preserve secret the object of Mr. Gordon's mission is being leaked.

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TAFT'S VETO ON TARIFF-SLASHING

President Refuses to Allow Woolen Industry to be Sacrificed—Other Revision Measures Also Opposed

(Associated Press Cable.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—President Taft today vetoed the wool tariff revision bill. He said that the low rates called for under the bill mean disaster to home industry. He has appealed to Congress to not allow until a bill is passed that substantially reduces the tariff without destroying the protection to American industry that it affords.

It is believed that the steel, cotton and sugar bills, if a sugar bill is passed, will be vetoed also, as well as the excise bill.

Taft Favors Canal Measure

(Associated Press Cable.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—It is understood that President Taft does not object to the Senate amendment to the Canal bill passed yesterday, which allows the registry of foreign-built vessels under the American flag with certain protective restrictions.

Detroit Officials Accused

(Associated Press Cable.)

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 9.—Warrants have been sworn out for eleven more councilmen accused of grafting.

OLD MAN ARRIVES PENNILESS TO DISCOVER HIS SON GONE

Aged Father Travels from Far Rhode Island to Honolulu in Vain

After travelling here from Rhode Island to surprise his son, an old man who is in destitute circumstances at the Occidental Hotel, discovered that his son had separated from his wife and had left for the Coast a week ago. As a result the father is penniless and is forced to accept charity from the Associated Charities until Mrs. C. H. Jordan is able to communicate with a wealthy relative of the old man, who resides in Butte, Montana.

Mrs. Jordan, who has requested

that the old gentleman's name be suppressed, stated this morning that the old man had been given the money for his transportation here by the same relative in Butte, and had come here with the intention of making his home with the son, who is a carpenter.

Without notifying the son, the father started upon his journey. Meanwhile the son had had domestic troubles, obtained a divorce from his wife, and left for Tracy, California.

Letters have been written both to the son's uncle in Butte and to the son in Tracy notifying them of the old man's predicament, but as yet no letters have been received. The old man is being kept at the Occidental Hotel by the Associated Charities.

WORLD'S NEWS CONDENSED

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LATEST NEWS BULLETIN.

Deputy Customs Surveyor C. H. Bligh of San Francisco has been removed from the head of the "opium squad" because of his inability to break up the illicit traffic. Special agents will direct operations henceforth.

L. B. Sims, tramp-novelist and surgeon of St. Louis, has left for San Francisco on foot. He is "beating" his way around the world to win \$5000.

Henry C. Frick, Pittsburgh millionaire, is to give a "billion-dollar" lawn party. Every one present will be a millionaire except President Taft, the guest-of-honor.

The house committee investigating the Steel Trust has reported. The "opofus" is severely scored and laws are urged to fit the corporation.

General John M. Baldwin, a Civil War veteran and California pioneer, has just died in San Francisco.

The deficit of the Federal treasury at the end of July was \$793,185, as compared with \$16,093,440 last year.

It is recommended that instructions be given that only horses that are absolutely unserviceable for any purpose be condemned during fiscal year 1913.

SONOMA TO SAIL AT 4 O'CLOCK.

The Oceanic liner Sonoma, carrying mail and passengers, will sail for San Francisco at four o'clock this afternoon, the hour having been changed from five, as originally announced.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 9.—Beets: 88 analysts, 11s. 4-2d, Par. 11y, 4.40 cents. Previous quotation, 11s. 7d.

House members opposed to the railroad-owned ships using the canal declare they will keep Congress in session until December unless the senate agrees to the house Panama bill.

Rapid progress is being made in Congress on the steel and wool bills.

Turkey has appointed a committee to confer with Italy concerning terms upon which the war may be ended. The gunboat Tacoma has been ordered to Nicaragua to protect American interests because of insurrections there.

President Madero of Mexico is said to have representatives in Japan trying to negotiate a loan for \$50,000,000.

A San Francisco woman who married a San Francisco "millionaire" left for a honeymoon in Southern Europe. The "groom's" money lasted as far as Oakland, where the wife learned he was a waiter—but without a job. She left for home five minutes later.

The customs department has officially notified shippers not to use "Frisco," Cal., for San Francisco.

BUSINESSMEN TO MEET AT 3 THIS AFTERNOON

At 3 o'clock this afternoon business men of all political faiths will meet on the roof garden of the Young Hotel to hear the report of the business men's committee on the political situation. The answer of Delegate Kuhio to the queries put to him by the business men's committee will also be submitted. Great interest has been shown in the meeting. Chairman E. I. Palding asks all business men, irrespective of political affiliation, to be present.

We often wonder if Solomon ever told each of his wives that she was the only woman he ever loved.